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CC: Van Wyk, Christopher <FTA>
Sent: 4/14/2006 8:58:32 AM
Subject: FW: Segmentation Letter to Honolulu Mayor Hanneman, August 2005
Attachments: If Mayor Hanneman aug 3 2005 letter.doc

It appears that the letter to which Jim Ryan was referring never went out. A copy of the final draft is attached, FYI. The issue that the letter would have put to rest if it had gone out is whether Honolulu can segment the project following the AA and advance the outer (western) portion as a non-Federal project on a faster schedule than the Federally-funded inner segment.

From strictly a NEPA standpoint, I would argue that advancing the westernmost segment as an LRT, a segment that ends well short of downtown, would prejudice the consideration of alternatives for the inner segment. CEQ regulations forbid actions that would prejudice the consideration of alternatives prior to the ROD. If they want to split the project, they would have to complete the ROD on the Federal project before they could advance the non-Federal project. In addition, that EIS would have to cover the cumulative impacts of other reasonably foreseeable projects, including the non-Federal segment.

From: Ryan, James <FTA>
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2006 1:10 PM
To: Ossi, Joseph <FTA>
Subject: FW: Letter to Honolulu Mayor Hanneman, August 2005

I now think that the letter never went out.

From: Fong, Stephen <FTA>
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2006 11:15 AM
To: Ryan, James <FTA>
Subject: RE: Letter to Honolulu Mayor Hanneman, August 2005

If it was addressed to Hannemann, there are no copies in our files. Try Region 9.

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From: Ryan, James <FTA>
Sent: Friday, April 14, 2006 11:01 AM
To: Fong, Stephen <FTA>
Subject: Letter to Honolulu Mayor Hanneman, August 2005

Stephen:

I'm looking for a signed copy of a FTA sent a letter to the mayor as a follow-up to a visit he made to S-1 and TOA last summer. The working drafts I have are dated August 3-5, so I'm guessing the letter went out in mid-August – signed by either TOA-1 or -2. Staff at the Honolulu Department of Transportation Services (who are doing the alternatives analysis on rail options) have

never heard of such a letter and have asked us (rather than their mayor's office) to produce a copy. A scanned copy would be nice, but paper will do.

Please disregard this request if our secretary has made a similar request today.

Thanks.
Jim Ryan